against savings in committed utilization in other projects and thereby the total utilization remaining within the allocation made to Andhra Pradesh by Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal, a review of the consideration of these projects by the Advisory Committee does not seem to be necessary.

Jala Samvardhana Programme in Karnataka

302. SHRI K. C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have objected to Jala Samvardhana Programme desilt tanks in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the personnel of Ministry of Water Resources inspected the tanks and examined the aspects whether tank's restoration will affect the flow of the Cauvery; and

(d) whether Government will allow Karnataka to carry out desiltation of tanks in the Cauvery basin?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) The Cauvery Water Dispute Tribunal through its Interim Order dated 25.6.1991 has directed the State of Karnataka not to increase its area under irrigation by the waters of river Cauvery beyond existing 11.2 lakh acres. This area includes an area of 2.93 lakh acres under minor irrigation. The Government of Karnataka can implement any project in Cauvery basin which envisages addition to the existing irrigated area in the basin either with the consent of the co-basin States of with the specific approval of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal.